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Sign Up Now for High-Performance Sustainable Schools Workshop *School decision makers, architects, engineers, energy managers, others encouraged to attend*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 6, 2015) – Kentuckians interested in learning how energy efficient, high-performance buildings rescue a school district's bottom line and accelerate students' career paths are encouraged to attend one or both days of the High-Performance Sustainable Schools Workshop, March 10-11 at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Versailles campus.

The workshop is sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence and the Kentucky National Energy Education Development (NEED) project in cooperation with the Society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Registration is currently available through the NEED website at www.regonline.com/hpss2015.

"Whether a school district has a comprehensive energy plan or is just getting started, this workshop offers practical strategies that work for Kentucky's schools," says Greg Guess. "Our holistic, integrated approach to high-performance school design and operation has played a key role in reducing energy costs and redirecting savings back to school budgets. In fact, Kentucky's schools are using less energy today than they were four years ago, even though the conditioned space in school districts has increased over 5 million square feet."

The workshop will convene March 10 at the Versailles campus of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. School administrators and professionals from all aspects of school design, construction and operation will share their experiences and project initiatives to achieve high-performance facilities. Topics include advancing energy education; sustainability skills for the 21st century; reducing building costs through high-performance policies; energy management and operations.

On March 11 participants will tour two high-performance sustainable schools, Red Oak Elementary and Wilmore Elementary, both located in the Jessamine County School District. Wilmore Elementary recently completed a major renovation project including energy efficiency

features. The school is also completing requirements to be Kentucky's first school to earn the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for Existing Buildings (LEED EB). The LEED EB project was executed by volunteers and in one year, achieved a 12 percent annual energy savings. The newly constructed Red Oak Elementary school, designed to earn the ENERGY STAR rating, continues to achieve even further savings through high-performance operations. There will be teaching stops at each school conducted by district personnel, the design teams and the team that led the LEED EB project at Wilmore.

Attendees may earn Effective Instructional Leader Approval (EILA) continuing education units for attending one or both days of the workshop.

For additional information about the workshop or the Kentucky NEED project, contact Pam Proctor of NEED by calling 859-547-8008 or email to pproctor@need.org.

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